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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In connection with the above-referenced patent application, and in response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2007 in connection therewith, Applicants hereby traverse all outstanding rejections and respectfully request reconsideration of the instant application.

In the instant application, claims 1-16 are pending. In the instant Office Action, claims 1, 7-9, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Clavister* in "More information on RST Cookies" (hereinafter "*Clavister*") and claims 2-6 and 10-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Clavister*.

By way of this submission, Applicants attach hereto a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 (hereinafter "the Declaration"), executed by the inventor of the instant application, which includes, *inter alia*, as an exhibit thereto a copy of a paper entitled "Defense Against Distributed Denial of Service Attacks" (hereinafter, "the Paper"), authored by the inventor of the instant application and